

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2023

Vestry Present: Penny Bailey, Joe Ley, James Little, Bill Murdoch, Katelyn Printz, Alan Ragsdale, Susan Stevenson, Suzanne Young.

Vestry Absent: Clare Childs, Pam Griffin, Becky Schamore.

Others Attending: Todd Dougan (Clerk), Chris Harpster (Deacon), Johnny Tuttle (Rector).

A regular meeting of St. Paul's Vestry was held November 30, 2023 and called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Johnny Tuttle, Rector. Johnny Tuttle began the meeting with prayer.

I. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the October financial statements, the October 15 minutes, a Food Pantry incident report, the Junior Warden report and the Stewardship campaign update. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Suzanne Young, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

II. Information

Johnny Tuttle noted the following:

1. The blessing of the Kingsport creche in Church Circle will be December 3.
2. The next Purely Social is December 6.
3. Three new Vestry members need to be identified prior to the annual meeting.
4. The annual meeting is January 21.
5. The Bishop will be at St. Paul's January 25 for the Feast of St. Paul.
6. Christmas Eve services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
7. Christmas Day Dinner will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
8. Convention delegates need to be identified and approved by the Vestry. Johnny will determine the deadline and if the Vestry can approve at the December 17 meeting or via a unanimous email.
9. Eucharistic Minister and Acolyte training will be after the service on December 10.

III. Discussion

Johnny Tuttle introduced discussion of the following:

1. The social event for this past Epiphany was well received and consensus is that we should do that again on January 6, 2024.
2. The State Fire Marshal Office confirmed that an architect is required to submit the plans for the Day School Safety Project, so approval to hire Cain Rash West was done on a motion by Alan Ragsdale, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

3. Johnny has received requests for an updated directory and discussion ensued concerning using a professional photographer or doing it ourselves and producing a printed directory and/or a digital directory.
4. Given the large number and dollars for the maintenance/repair items in the Junior Warden's report and other needs that prior Senior and Junior Wardens have identified, the potential of applying for a large Diocese Opportunity Fund loan was discussed. This will be discussed further at the next Vestry meeting.
5. Since the newly formed St. Michael's is within 10 miles of St. Paul's, the Bishop has asked that St. Paul's give its consent. To that end, Johnny prepared a draft letter, which was approved on a motion by Susan Stevenson, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.
6. The Vestry approved the nomination of Katelyn Printz's postulancy on a motion by Alan Ragsdale, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.
7. In order to be consistent in the handling of clergy housing allowances in the Diocese where a member of the clergy is employed by both a parish and the Diocese, the Deacon's housing allowance will be brought to a future Vestry meeting for endorsement.

IV. Dismissal

The meeting was adjourned with Joe Ley's formation discussion and prayer at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Dougan, Vestry Clerk